

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Tim English <dx@tir.com>  
Subject: [224] 6ah gel cells for sale  
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19960701020929.006cc950@tir.com>

I have 3 used but good 12 vdc 6ah gel cells excellent for powering QRP rigs. These are removed from our customers burglar alarm systems and replaced with new ones every 3-4 years as preventive maintenance. All have been load tested and should provide another 3 or so years of service. They measure 6" long, 2 1/2" wide and 3 3/4" tall and have 1/4" spade terminals on the top. They are fully charged and ready to go. Price is \$15 each shipped anywhere in conus. Would prefer not to do any COD's. Email me if interested.

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Tim

Amateur Radio Station: WB80GM (since 1972)  
Email: dx@tir.com

\*\* Visit the Auction Web at <http://www.ebay.com/aw/> \*\*

"Sometimes imagination is better than knowledge"

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "W. Dennis Zeares" <k3ets@why.net>  
Subject: [240] Any other Cancer Survivors on QRP-L???  
Message-ID: <19960630224757289.AAA121@6.liv1.dal.why.net>

I am a one year cancer survivor and I was wondering is there are other survivors on the QRP-L. If so I would like to hear from you and I have a few questions. Please send me email direct to me at home at: k3ets@why.net or at work at: wdzeares.@aud.alcatel.com I think mutual support is essential.

TNX, 72/73, Dennis K3ETS, Dallas

K3ETS TMS 1996 Qs=011 States=009 Confirmed=07 DX=00

Please listen for the "very weak" (ie. with very poor antenna)

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)

Subject: [303] ARS es 40M es 30M  
Message-ID: <199607020338.DAA04525@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

I started out around 7.040 at the appointed time and I hear W1NJM calling W6EOT on sked to handle some traffic. I call George once, since I used to copy the CT Wireless Association's high speed stuff for many years and never worked George. But he doesn't hear me.

Then I hear AL7JR call George. Needless to say I stick around to try to work to work Ron, but he never hears me. :-) So this consumes a lot of the contest time. I'm hearing stuff long, so give up and run up to 30M.

Pick up some Qs but no new states. One DX in VE5 land. Hear a couple of new ones but not worked.

Worked AA3MD Craig in DC (which might be a new one), I'll have to look at the signature file. I worked Craig after he finished with F3NB. Then I later hear AA3MD down in the low end working some more stuff. Of course he is several 1,000 miles closer to them than I am and he is running nearly 5W. :-) Good job Craig.

So 0 points in the ARS Sprint. Some points tacked on to the TMPS study though. :-)

dit dit es gl to all

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Chuck Adams (K5FO CP-60) adams@sgi.com  
K5FO TMPS 1996 Qs=043 States=21 Confirmed=11 DX=02 (0.95W)  
AL AZ CA CO FL IL IN MD MI MO NC OH OK OR SD TN TX UT WA WI WY

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: pcw12@ix.netcom.com (Phil Wheeler)  
Subject: [241] Audio Filters in OHR-400  
Message-ID: <199607010434.VAA22576@dfw-ix12.ix.netcom.com>

I'm thinking I would like to reduce the resonant frequency of the audio filter in my OHR-400 to about 500 Hz. I wonder if anyone else has looked into this.

I tried calling Dick at Oak Hills on Saturday; turns out he is off on

vacation until mid-July (drat...can't order the SCAT fiilter I want, either)!

The 4-stage filter in the OHR-400 is identical to the one in the Spirit and (I suspect) in other OHR rigs. Problem is, using the equations in the "Solid State Design for Radio Amateurs" book, I get a frequency of a bit over 1000 Hz for the circuit "as is". That would tell me to reduce it by a factor of two; but my ear says the "as is" condition is about 700-800 Hz (which agrees with the alignment instructions for both the OHR-400 and the Spirit).

I'm in no rush for this. Heck...may even model it on the computer and see what I get! But I'm curious if anyone has walked this path before.

Phil W7UOX

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Luke Enriquez <ecsclfe@lux.latrobe.edu.au>  
Subject: [243] Best Antenna to Use Camping  
Message-ID: <9607010657.AA00187@lux.latrobe.edu.au>

Howdy,

This is not strictly related to QRP but what are peoples opinions on portable HF antennas. I will be making my HF debut in approx. one weeks time when I take my Uniden 20-20 (Not a QRP RIG) and a MFJ antenna tuner. I will be able to borrow a SWR meter too (Only the Uniden is mine. Everything else is borrowed).

A few years ago (long before I got my full call), I bought a 2nd hand 5 Band Vertical Trap. It splits up into many little bits, and will neatly fit into my car. I have found that it threads through the bull bar of the 4WD nicely. Aided with a few big rocks, it is quite stable.

I will be operating near a river, possibly in snow. Would the Vertical suffice. People have been telling me about dipoles, inverted L's, etc, etc. I was also going to try a strait long wire too. The restriction I have is fairly simple. I have no balun! I dont have time to find or build one at the moment either. Any comments or tips will be appreciated. Oh, I dont have any many to buy antennas either. I'm just a peasent student! hehe

Regards,  
Luke

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Luke Enriquez VK3DLE "If you want to where you really  
3rd Year Electronic Engineering are, ask the non-locals" - anon.  
Latrobe University, Victoria, Australia. "Hitler didn't drink or smoke and  
ecsc1fe@lux.latrobe.edu.au he was a vegetarian. The perfect  
guy for the 90's eh?"

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: thom.lacosta@fido261.qis.net (Thom LaCosta)  
Subject: [295] Brown Bro Clones  
Message-ID: <2dd\_9607012133@fido261.qis.net>

Hello All!

Based on my own interest...and some mail from folks...I'm meeting tomorrow evening to start the drawings for a reproduced Brown Brothers Paddle.

Lord knows what the first one will cost...or how big a run I need to commit to....

If you have a more than casual interest...let me know...no commitments, etc., but I would like to see if anyone wants 'em.

Have no idea of the costs, nor the market price...but I'll check it all out. And now. for the nitpicking...does the key really need red paddles? (g).

Thom LaCosta  
K3HRN  
thom@fido261.qis.net  
Our Business is Business

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|Fidonet: Thom LaCosta 1:261/1352  
|Internet: thom.lacosta@fido261.qis.net  
|Standard disclaimer: Take a Naugha to Lunch today YOU pay the bill!

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>  
Subject: [299] CQ Herman Munster...  
Message-ID: <199607020326.UAA27893@primenet.com>

Howdy All,

Too weird. Just finished up the 2nd ARS Spartan Sprint and walk into the kitchen to grab some dinner when my wife

points wildly at the TV (which isn't usually on much). Turns out the kids are watching "The Munsters" and Herman is on a ham radio (boat anchor, naturally...). A couple of kids on walkie-talkies are faking transmissions as Martians (sheesh, talk about out-of-band transmissions...) and have poor Herman all worked up. Probably thinks he finally got his 1000 miles/watt award. And if I didn't know any better I'd guess Nils was behind it all. ;-)

Oh, Herman's call is W6XRL/4 in case anyone cares to look it up. Wonder if he QSL's....

Cheers de KC7NEV,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPion #7

KC7NEV TMPS 1996 Qs=010 States=7 Confirmed=0 DX=000  
AK, CA, CO, KS, LA, OR, WA

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Jim Hydzyk <congress@magpage.com>  
Subject: [236] Delaware on Spartan Sprint  
Message-ID: <199607010404.AAA07000@alaska.magpage.com>

Hello Gang,

Surprises come on small groups of e-mail. Several posts have come back with 'hey, I need Delaware' replies and the Sprint might be a good opportunity to kill two QRP-birds with one contact.

I'll be on 20 Meters for the first 20 minutes of the event before switching to 40 M. This location has 4 antennas on 20 and each will be used to call CQ and the present game plan is to stay on 14.059 when calling. The band has been dropping out rapidly around the designated start time (end of gray line here) but the station WILL stay on 20 Mtrs. until 20 past the hour.

Forty Mtrs. will be run until the close of the contest, but don't be shy to suggest a quick jump to 20 Mtrs if the band is still open and signals are strong (all relative). Forty will have 3 antennas, all with significantly different patterns. The 3 ele. yagi is in the garage but the loop might make the west coast. Let's have fun.

Jim K3QIO (Still love that great Drake sound)

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Luke Enriquez <ecsclfe@lux.latrobe.edu.au>  
Subject: [245] Does anyone know the specs of the MFJ941C Tuner?  
Message-ID: <9607010908.AA22031@lux.latrobe.edu.au>

Howdy,

This will be the tuner I will be using on the snow expedition.  
The owner does not know much about it! It is different to the MFJ 941E.  
In fact, it looks completely different.

Regards,  
Luke

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Edward J. Warhover" <kf9xy@apci.net>  
Subject: [257] First QSO with Sierra  
Message-ID: <199607011417.JAA03360@hilly.apci.net>

Hi Gang,

Just finished my Sierra kit yesterday, and aligned it last night. Got on 40M this morning, local time 8:00. Heard KA5ZBP calling CQ, and called him. He came right back, and I had my first QSO with the new rig. He was the first station I called. Great feeling working with a rig you built yourself, and making a contact on first call. He asked if I would QSL - you bet, it's in the mail. The Sierra is a great rig, and construction went really well. I'm already thinking about mods - SWR meter, front panel ABX, and especially the new KC-2 keyer and display. Wayne Burdick showed it to me at Dayton, and I knew I had to have one.

I am a fairly new member of QRP-L, and just have to say that it has been an inspiration to me. It's terrific having all this information, knowledge, ideas, and comraderie available. I wouldn't miss it for the world !

Well, I've got to get busy and build 5 more band modules for the Sierra.

BTW, the usual disclaimers about Wilderness Radio. I'm just a satisfied customer.

72,  
Ed Warhover KF9XY

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: JEVERHART@cayman.vf.mmc.com  
Subject: [254] Force 12 URL?  
Message-ID: <960701092822.20200ea1@carib.vf.mmc.com>

Gang,

I hope this message doesn't get lost in the avalanche once Lehigh gets unclogged....

I believe that someone posted a URL a couple of months back with a link to info on Force 12 antennas. In changing platforms here at work I lost some data in my Netscape Bookmarks. Does anyone have the URL I'm looking for?

Please respond to my privately at either address listed below.

72/73,

Joe E., N2CX

work: jeverhart@cayman.vf.mmc.com  
home: n2cx@voicenet.com

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Scott Rosenfeld NF3I <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>  
Subject: [218] FS: Ten-Tec Scout 555, RS DSP unit, obQRP  
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9606301049.A12953-01000000@w3eax.umd.edu>

QRP - can be cranked down to 2 watts output!

Comes with 20m module and hand mic. Built in RIT, keyer, fwd power/SWR meter, nothing extraneous, just a good receiver with a transmitter that will run 50 watts out if needed.

OK, everyone's telling me the RS dsp units are on closeout for whatever price; I saw them for \$49 at a hamfest two weeks ago (I think). Anyway, if anyone wants one in new condition with everything it came with, I have

one to sell.

ObQRP: Worked CY0AA this morning, 1140z, on 10.115 MHz!

\* Scott Rosenfeld NF3I Burtonsville, MD FM19 QRV 80-10/6/2/440 \*  
\*\*\* 6m 64 grids worked on 8 watts \*\* HF 138 cfmd \* QRP-L #147 \*\*\*  
\*\* QRP ARCI #9054 \*\* DXCC/WAS/WAC \*\* 100% dipole powered HF/6m \*\*  
\* 301-549-1022 h / 301-982-1015 w \* 145.490- 147.225+ PL 156.7 \*

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Brian.Buydens@usask.ca" <buydens@duke.usask.ca>  
Subject: [270] Happy Canada Day / American Independence Day  
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.94.960701111230.12325A-100000@duke.usask.ca>

Since the Canadian and American National holidays are so close together I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday. And in the words of Roger Abbott of the Royal Canadian Air Farce "Remember you LIGHT the FIRECRACKERS and WAVE the FLAG" ;-)

72 <= x <= 73 (where x is an integer)

de Brian.

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| Brian Buydens, Computing Services, University of Saskatchewan |
| email: Brian.Buydens@usask.ca |
| VE5RDV |
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| Albert Einstein, when asked to describe radio, replied: "You see, wire |
| telegraph is a kind of a very, very long cat. You pull his tail in New |
| York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? |
| And radio operates exactly the same way: you send signals here, they |
| receive them there. The only difference is that there is no cat." |
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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Frank" <g3ycc@enterprise.net>  
Subject: [222] Has NO-ONE built anything, then?  
Message-ID: <199606301005.KAA28645@mail.enterprise.net>

Thanks for reading this.

As you know, I have asked for details of what folk have built, radio wise,



so I can add it to my web pages. Only four or five have answered so far.  
Can you assist by sending me a few notes on your projects? A GIF/JPG etc  
graphic would be nice, too. This input is appreciated by beginners, so, if  
you can, please help me add more.

Thanks.

Frank G3YCC

Ham Radio QRP Web Page:

<http://homepages.enterprise.net/g3ycc/>

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: Jeffrey Hetherington <jhetheri@freenet.npiec.on.ca>

Subject: [294] Help with QSL info

Message-ID: <Pine.SGI.3.93.960701210610.21178A-1000000@freenet.npiec.on.ca>

Hi all. I hope somebody can help, I've exhausted my resources looking for  
the QSL info for JX1JX. I worked him this morning before work, and can't  
find any QSL info.

Tnx es 73/72

Jeff

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L. Jeffrey Hetherington - VA3JFF  
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada  
Canadian QRP Award - <http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/2572/QRP.html>  
VA3JFF TMPS 1996 Qs=020 States=15 Confirmed=05 DX=02  
CO CA NY IN SD WI TN GA IL TX DC OH NC SC LA (OZ7 UR4)

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: Dick Schneider <74602.3317@CompuServe.COM>

Subject: [237] How Copy?

Message-ID: <960630212441\_74602.3317\_EHH39-4@CompuServe.COM>

Anyone:

I keep submitting a message to QRP-L, just as I have succesfully in the past,  
but it keeps coming back, saying \*too many bounces\* - a totally irrational and  
unhelpful explanation to me.

Anyone have any insight as to what the scoop is?

Tnx es 72/73 Dick AB0CD..

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: ob1!jejones@onus.att.com  
Subject: [289] How to subscribe?  
Message-ID: <199607012331.TAA27692@cbig1.att.att.com>

How do you subscribe to this list?

Thanks and 72!

Jeff Jones  
AB6MB

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: hbs@juno.com (Henry B Smith)  
Subject: [238] I am coming to San Francsico Saturday  
Message-ID: <19960630.165614.3902.0.hbs@juno.com>

Smitty, NA5K here.

I will be arriving in San Francisco on Saturday, July 6. It would be the realization of one of my fondest dreams if I could make the Livermore swapfest AND the NORCAL lunch/meeting.

I will be staying in San Anselmo, but I will have wheels.

It would be nice if I could meet some one (or ones) at or near the swapfest. I don't know my way around the area.

Contact me directly at hbs@juno.com.

Thanks in advance,

Smitty, NA5K

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Ahlgren@NCSBSR020U.ntc.nokia.com (Ahlgren Jukka (NTC/BS-OU))  
Subject: [244] Info to prefix hunters

Message-ID: <1996Jul01.125757.1604.145950@ntcit-mmta7.ntc.nokia.com>

Maybe someone has wondered, what are those stations with OI prefix.  
The Finnish radio amateur league SRAL has its 75th anniversary  
this year and all Finnish amateurs may use (if they want) an OI prefix  
instead of OH.

Another prefix alternations have used too, in past years,  
all for different anniversaries. For example, I have used  
OH6SC, OF6SC, OG6SC and OI6SC callsigns!

73 de Jukka OI6SC/OI8NGF

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Doug Hendricks <ki6ds@mail.telis.org>  
Subject: [310] July ARS Spartan Sprint Results  
Message-ID: <31D8C934.1E10@telis.org>

Russ, Here is my Spartan Sprint report.

I operated for only 1 hour and 15 minutes as I had to take my wife out to  
dinner tonight. Here is my log.

|       |        |     |    |    |
|-------|--------|-----|----|----|
| 01:52 | N6WG   | 579 | CA | 5W |
| 01:57 | KI6SN  | 589 | CA | 1W |
| 02:02 | N6MM   | 599 | CA | 2W |
| 02:04 | KQ6AG  | 579 | CA | 2W |
| 02:06 | K06KA  | 579 | CA | 3W |
| 02:11 | W6SIY  | 599 | CA | 4W |
| 02:25 | KC7NEV | 579 | AZ | 3W |
| 02:30 | N7FEG  | 579 | CA | 2W |
| 02:32 | WB5QMP | 449 | ID | 2W |
| 02:37 | WD6FDD | 579 | CA | 3W |
| 02:41 | WA7FCU | 589 | UT | 2W |
| 02:52 | AA7QU  | 579 | OR | 2W |

Station Equipment: Weighed with Digital Postal Scales

|                                               |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| SWL 40-40                                     | 8.4 oz.                |
| Homebrew paddles, NorCal Keyer in Altoids tin | 2.2 oz.                |
| Headphones                                    | 2.6 oz.                |
| Batteries (8 AA in plastic holders)           | 5.5 oz.                |
| Total                                         | 18.7 oz. ~ 1.2 pounds. |

Total Qso's =12

Claimed score 12/1.2 pounds = 10 Q's per pound

Soapbox: I loved this contest. Quick, lots of participation, and Dave Benson's rig worked great. I worked fellow Zuni's Rob Roberts, N7FEG, Keith Clark, W6SIY, and Richard Fisher, KI6SN. It is neat to work a contest like this that is relaxed yet quick. Heard Bill Jones, KD7S but could not raise him. Homebrew paddles made from telephone switch relay, really simple, light and work great. Bruce Florip, AA7AR gets credit for the idea. 72, Doug, KI6DS

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: Doug Hendricks <ki6ds@mail.telis.org>

Subject: [280] July NorCal Meeting

Message-ID: <31D82549.780E@telis.org>

The July meeting of the NorCal QRP Club will be held Sunday July 6th at the California Burger Restaurant in Pleasanton, CA. It usually starts at about 10:30 and runs until everyone goes home, usually about 3 hours. There is no business meeting, everyone just shows up when they want to and stay until they decide to leave. When I say nothing is formal, I mean just that. Many of our members bring their latest show and tell projects for the rest of us to ooh and ahh over, but it is not required, actually nothing is required, just show up and meet some great QRPers.

We will have at least 2 special guests this month. Jerry Parker, WA0OWR who is the guru behind the NorCal Web Page will be there. He will be glad to answer any questions you may have about accessing the NorCal Web Page. Also, Bill Jones, KD7S, who was the winner of the NorCal Building Contest at Dayton will be there with his handiwork. It is definitely worth seeing. Bill is also somewhat of an expert at making homebrew pc boards, and will have some examples of his work and how he does it.

Now for the directions. The California Burger is located right off I580 at the Santa Rita Exit. If you are coming from Pleasanton, take the Santa Rita Exit and you will come to a stop light. If you look to the right at about 2:00, you will see the California Burger in the shopping center. Go straight across the intersection and then take the first right that you can opposite McDonalds. The California Burger is located in the Southwest corner of the shopping center behind the Exxon Station.

If you are coming from Livermore, again take the Santa Rita exit. You will

come to a stop light at the end of the exit. Make a left turn and go over the overpass across I580. You will come to another stop light. McDonalds will be on your left. Turn left, and take the first right you can into the shopping center. Again, the California Burger is at the Southwest corner of the shopping center, behind the Exxon Station. See you there!!

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>  
Subject: [293] July Quarterly is here.  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.960701175612.17992B-100000@vortex.sage.dri.edu>

Hi Gang,

Just a little heads up.....my July issue of The Quarterly was in the mail box when I arrived home today.....

Keep the cover contest pictures comming....

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73, Ron,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....  
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....  
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "W. Dennis Zeares" <k3ets@why.net>  
Subject: [239] K3ETS was at FD/K5F0  
Message-ID: <19960630224954288.AAA155@6.liv1.dal.why.net>

A number of you who know me have asked if I was at FD.  
Dr. Chruch, K5F0, forgot to put me on the list of operators.  
I tried a few hours of 6M SSB and 10M SSB as well as a few hours of BS... 72 Dennis K3ETS Dallas

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Paul Stroud <aa4xx@nando.net>  
Subject: [230] K7YHA QRP Tour

Message-ID: <31D6CFED.5239@nando.net>

Hi Gang,

Rich called from Colfax, WA yesterday, asking me to forward his travel schedule to QRP-L. K7YHA is currently in the vicinity of Coeur d'Alene, ID. From there he will swing northward into VE7 territory and will continue eastward through Calgary, Winnipeg, and Thunder Bay. He hopes to be back home (Wilkes-Barre, PA) by late Wednesday.

Rich will be monitoring 7040 KHz throughout the trip, hoping to snag as many QRP'ers as possible. He's running a NorCal 40 with a hamstick up on the top of his Subaru wagon. He'll post a log to QRP-L upon his return.

I've not snagged him yet for a two-way. Let's see if we can't help him fill up his logbook.

72,

Paul AA4XX Raleigh, NC

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>

Subject: [274] MDMW QRP SHOW ES TELL

Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.93.960701135345.10256A-100000@u1.abs.net>

The Maryland Milliwatt Club and Maryland Radio Center CoSponsored a QRP Triple Treat (QRP Show and Tell, Minifest-Tailgate, MRC Closeout Sale.) on Saturday the 29th. of June 1996 from 10 am til 3 pm.

FINAL Report Follows:

The Last QRP SHOW ES TELL at Maryland Radio Center in Laurel, MD. ? Well maybe not, but shurly the last one at the old location. We had at least 35 who signed the log sheet. I saw several other visitors who didn't sign up so the final number was closer to 50. We gave prizes to just about everyone who attended. Some of the early birds who left before noon might have missed getting a prize. Dick Szakonyi, KA3ZOW of S&S Engineering set up his Equipment and Special Event Station next to my car out front of the building. Craig Sterling, AA3MD had his Wilderness Radio NC-40A on display along with the K3TKS, CW Keyboard and another NC-40A. I brought my Index Laboratories QRP Plus as well, But Murphy Struck it dead. It worked fb for field day mobile, but now it is blowing fuses? Gil Kost, W3MKE of The QRP KEY Company was present to show off his line of Miniature QRP Keys. For orders or information, contact

Kim at ahber@ix.netcom.com and mention K3TKS sent you.  
Mike Czuhajewski, WA8MCQ and Robbie Robertson, WG3R had their usual Super compact QRPp rigs for show and tell. Bruce Muscolino, W6TOY and Joe Everhart, N2CX were present to help out where needed. Joe wins the prize for coming the greatest distance for the Show. A back issue of the QRP Quarterly and a few selected articles that he needed were added incinitive?  
Little Brian Craven (3) won a microphone and a portable radio. Oh yes, a couple of rolls of Lifesavers as well. :^)  
Needless to say, we all had a great time and Jerry Johnson, WA3WZF the owner of Maryland Radio Center was pleased to find that I had sold just about everything except some cinderblocks, a desk and a couple of workbenches. No, I did not take them home with me. Hence, I am still alive today. :^)  
For those of you who missed the Triple Treat, We might think about trying something smaller in the Fall at the New MRC Location. Which is about 1/2 mile East of the Old location on Route 198 going towards Ft. Meade. It is located right next to Popeye's on the left. One last item. The Maryland Milliwatt Club will have it's home page on the MRC Weathernode Page. <http://Weathernode.com/qrp/index.html> or [qrp/qrp.html](http://Weathernode.com/qrp/qrp.html)  
Heck, Just get to MRC Weathernode page and feel your way to the QRP page.

OBQRP- You might want to check out <http://www.duke.edu/~djohnson/arci.html> for a sneak peek at the New QRP ARCI Home Page by Dave Johnson, WA4NID. It will eventually link to other QRP Clubs as well.

QRP DX TU (C) 1986, G. Danny Gingell, K3TKS@abs.net

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: plquick@facstaff.wisc.edu (Paulette Quick, WB9VHF)  
Subject: [278] N9OUH now WB9VHF  
Message-ID: <v02110101adfd82a042f7@[144.92.104.148]>

Gang,

With great emotion and sentimentality, I announce that through the Vanity Callsign arrangement, I have regained my first callsign, WB9VHF.

I was first licensed in either 1976 or 1977 (not sure when and it's driving me crazy) and I allowed this beautiful callsign to lapse. I really prefer to have a "W" callsign.

I mailed the request to the FCC on June 15 and I see the database has a June 29 change date, so it was two weeks total time including postal.

This is my final callsign. It will be in my obituary and on my tombstone many years from now.

Now I just have to find out when it was first issued.

By the way, you haven't heard from me lately because I've taken on a second job. Besides my regular 40 hour program assistant stuff here at the UW, I'm doing temp work from 5 pm to 11 pm on Thursdays and Fridays and noon to 6 pm on Saturday and Sundays. Less time to operate, but I'm sure glad to have this opportunity for more hours. 72

Paulette Quick, WB9VHF  
plquick@facstaff.wisc.edu  
Madison WI

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: na5k@juno.com (Smitty Smith)  
Subject: [247] NA5K visits San Francisco  
Message-ID: <19960701.074810.12150.0.na5k@juno.com>

Smitty, NA5K here.

I will be arriving in the San Francisco area on Saturday, July 6, 1996.  
I will be staying in San Anselmo but will have wheels.

The realization of one of my fondest dreams would be to make the Livermore swapfest AND the NORCAL lunch/meeting on Sunday.

It would be nice if I could meet someone (or ones) near the swap meet since I am not familiar with the area.

Contact me directly at hbs@juno.com OR na5k@juno.com.

Thanks in advance,

Smitty, NA5K



From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: fmilos@quirp.East.Sun.COM (Frank Milos - SUN WWOPS New Products Project Manager)  
Subject: [283] Need help for POSTPONE  
Message-ID: <9607012016.AA031111@quirp.East.Sun.COM>

Could someone forward me the instructions for postponing and reinitiating receipt of the digest while I'm on vacation?

TIA

72  
Frank - N01E

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: na5k@juno.com (Smitty Smith)  
Subject: [300] New calls  
Message-ID: <19960701.222541.14038.1.na5k@juno.com>

Has anybody been keeping up with these neat new calls?

Are you guys and gals re-subscribing to the list with your new calls? It sure would help 'cause I always keep a list of the QRP LIST folks by my rig and also in the car. hmmm.

CUL,

Smitty NA5K

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: msdoooley@rdxsunhost.aud.alcatel.com (Michael S. Doooley)  
Subject: [276] New Callsign  
Message-ID: <9607011832.AA06499@collie.aud.alcatel.com>

Gang,

Well folks, it's official. I now have my old call. It was issued 29 June 1996 which is 16 days after I dropped the letter in the mail.

Mike N5BGZ (former KE4PC)

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Bob White" <Bob\_White@CCMAIL.sms.lmco.com>  
Subject: [264] New Email Address  
Message-ID: <9606018362.AA836246703@CCMAIL.sms.lmco.com>

I just received my new email address which was prompted by the sale of  
Loral to Lockheed Martin:

bob.white@ccmail.sms.lmco.com

<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/5582> remains valid as my Web  
Page.

72,  
Bob White W03B  
400mw TMPS: Q=85 States=28 Confirmed=8 DX=5

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: wa5whn@ix.netcom.com (Jay Miller)  
Subject: [261] NorCal QRP TTF '97/Theme: Strange Places & UFO Crash sites  
Message-ID: <199607011449.HAA18148@dfw-ix10.ix.netcom.com>

Dear Fellow QRP Enthusists,

Since we are 10 months away from the next "NorCal QRP To The Field" Event, and the theme is "Strange Places & UFO Crash sites". I have been receiving numerous emails inquiring about the 50th Year Celebration ('97) of the alledged Corona, NM UFO Crash (aka Roswell UFO Crash), from members of the QRP-L. These are 2 separate events. The NorCal QRP TTF '97 event, will probably take place in April, '97 (SASE to WU7F for details). We will definitely be at some very strange places, in New Mexico, during the NorCal event (Socorro UFO landing site, Corona UFO Crash site, or near there, Roswell, etc.).

The 50th anniversary celebration of the alledged Corona UFO crash will take place in July, '97. Again, please keep these 2 events separated. We will operate in the NorCal QRP TTF '97 with the theme as "Strange Places & UFO Crash Sites", in April, '97, but we will also have a QRP Special Events Station set up for July, '97, during the 50th anniversary celebration. Let me warn You, if You are planning on coming to New Mexico during this time, we are still part of the USA ;-) We would suggest You make reservations ahead of time, since #1 Peak Tourist Season, #2 50th Anniversary celebrations. This means that the local Motels/Hotels/Campgrounds will be full. Take a look at the

following URL;

<http://www.rt66.com/~roswell/encount.htm>

If You are serious about coming to New Mexico (Bring Your' VHF/UHF gear, lots of Open Mountain Top Repeaters & QRP HF Gear), check out this site first. My only affiliation with this event is one of the Amateur Radio Special Event's Stations & I will be participating in the NorCal QRP TTF '97 Event too. Neither the NorCal QRP Club or the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Crash @ Corona have anything to do with each other. I hope this clears up the confusion. Again, 2 separate events.

BTW, I can not wait, this will be alot of fun & the humor level will be 100%, for both events. NorCal QRP To The Field, April '97 & the 50th Anniversary of the alledged "Crash @ Corona, NM", QRP Amateur Radio Special Event's Station & Celebration.

Get those Creative Minds working on xcvs in a saucer, or CW via the Alpha/Beta & Theta Waves.

72...Jay, WA5WHN, Albuquerque, NM

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Jim Kortge, NU8N" <jokortge@tir.com>  
Subject: [221] Old call back  
Message-ID: <1.5.4.16.19960630113318.3dc71b02@tir.com>

Gang...yesterday the FCC reissued my old call, so that I no longer am NU8N, but K8IQY. Like find your old, lost, favorite pair of slippers! :-)

72...Jim

|                   |         |                     |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Jim Kortge, K8IQY |         | BMHA, NorCal, QRP-L |
| jokortge@tir.com  | __o     | Cascade 17/40 SSB   |
| Fenton, MI        | _` \<   | Mizuho 17/40 SSB    |
| ... ..            | (*)/(*) | . . . . .           |

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)  
Subject: [287] Ooops. SGI

Message-ID: <199607012208.WAA04010@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

SGI - Silicon Graphics Inc., home hq Mt View CA

We do supercomputers and high-end workstations.  
The graphics used in a lot of movies and on TV is  
done on our systems.

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Chuck Adams (K5FO CP-60) adams@sgi.com

K5FO TMPS 1996 Qs=040 States=21 Confirmed=11 DX=01 (0.95W)

AL AZ CA CO FL IL IN MD MI MO NC OH OK OR SD TN TX UT WA WI WY

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: "L. B. Cebik" <cebik@utkux.utcc.utk.edu>

Subject: [231] Paddle article/book?

Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.960630064409.28237K-100000@utkux4.utcc.utk.edu>

Perhaps someone with a large collection of paddles and an urge to read all the QRP-L digests and a camera could do an article (series of articles?) for QQ, QRPp, LowDown, or one of the other qrp journals showing and describing each of the available paddle units and registering some of the operator pros/cons we have read here from time to time. It would make good reading and a good reference for both new and old operators alike--as we age, our finger and wrist abilities change and we may need to rethink our paddle choices. In any event, it might even make a good guide for the CO Club publishing group to consider. They might even consider adding in straight keys and bugs. I know there are key books out there, but most are of historical interest. What I am thinking of is something of direct interest to the current operator.

-73-

LB, W4RNL

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: wq8q@juno.com

Subject: [255] Paddles - Thanks!

Message-ID: <19960630.102317.6679.0.wq8q@juno.com>

Well, the response to my request for everyone's favorite CW paddle was overwhelming.

I found it interesting that generally no one liked the Bencher after they had used another brand.

Some had a preference for paddles which were no longer being made, which doesn't help me in my search for a new one. Only a couple favored the Vibroplex, and the majority favored the Kent or similarly made paddle. The question, however, became moot this morning. When my XYL, Pat, KB8VPH, discovered that I was on the search for a new paddle, (I hadn't made a bid deal out of the demise of the Bencher, because Pat is not a CW op) she rummaged around in the closet and handed me a small box, which contained, TA-DA, a new, unassembled Kent dual-paddle iambic paddle, which she'd purchased for me for Christmas at Dayton this year. I guess I'd mentioned it to her as we passed by the Kent booth and she went back and bought it. . .

So, Christmas came early, and I thank all for your responses.

73 de Rick, WQ8Q  
Cincinnati

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "j.w. thornton" <dub@oklahoma.net>  
Subject: [265] Postings bouncing:  
Message-ID: <199607011624.LAA00476@dns.okc>

I also got a post returned due to too many bounces. The post actually went to QRP-L, as addressed fine, but then showed more than 35 different bounces. Wonder what is going on??

J. W. (Dub) Thornton WA5YFY  
Minco, Ok.

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: dolsonj@ix.netcom.com (James Dolson )  
Subject: [253] QRO Bigots ???  
Message-ID: <199607011202.FAA08835@dfw-ix5.ix.netcom.com>

I recently completed a NorCal 40A and was finally able to operate quite a bit these last few days. Of the eight contacts that I had, five of them never came back to me after I told them that I was running QRP @ 2 watts. Conditions were fine, my RST was anywhere from 449 to 589, litte QRM, little QRN. I mean, 15 minutes into each QSO, immediately after I mentioned that I was QRP, these guys never came back.

Am I just paranoid?  
Has this ever happended to you???

Jim  
WB8ZBD  
dolsonj@ix.netcom.com

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: wa5whn@ix.netcom.com (Jay Miller)  
Subject: [290] QRP & DX & 30 meters  
Message-ID: <199606301256.FAA05691@dfw-ix4.ix.netcom.com>

Dear Fellow QRP Enthusists,

Let me amplify a bit, on what Art, WU2K had stated in a previous note. I was listening to OM3TBG/MM, Milan work various stations, in North America on 30 meters (10.102 MHz), last night (~ 0439 UTC). I had signed "de WA5WHN WA5WHN QRP QRP". He came back with "QRP ?" . Milan was not too far from Hawaii, and was asking me how much power, rig, antenna, etc.. After I had talked to him, I was chatting with VE7NS (Ron) who was debating what to build/buy (He had a Yaesu FT-1000), on 30 meters QRP (buy vs. build, Ten-Tec 556 vs. QRP+, etc..). Then, I run into Steve, W7VMF, who owns a NorCal 40, and is converting another NorCal 40 to 30 meters. I think QRP is contagious, and most of the infected hang out on 30 meters.

For the record, I was running 2.5 watts (OHR Wattmeter) into a 2 element inverted vee beam (as described several issues back in the NE QRP Club "72"), cut for 30 meters.

72...Jay, WA5WHN

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: cjsterl@ix.netcom.com (Craig J. Sterling)  
Subject: [271] QSL INFO ON CY0AA  
Message-ID: <199607011747.KAA14735@dfw-ix7.ix.netcom.com>

Gang,

I posted QSL routing for CY0AA, it may be a good idea to repost:  
For HF contacts, QSL via WD8SDL  
For VHF contacts, QSL via VE9AA  
Direct QSLing is requested, however, burocards will be answered, but later.

Tu,  
Craig, AA3MD

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)  
Subject: [284] R/S DSP  
Message-ID: <199607012027.UAA03612@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

Have I got this correctly?

Radio Shack DSP Noise Reduction system #21-543 Regularly \$79.99 now on sale at \$34.97? I have found 9 of them. Should I go and get them?

Sorry for the short notice, but I just found out about them at lunch. The SGI Dallas office moved over the weekend (it just happened that way that I was in the Bahamas on a free cruise). :-) Went over to a mall just a short distance from the new office to cruise around and get familiar with new places to eat etc. Since there was a R/S there I went in to find out about the above. I'll pick one up if they are recommended by someone and then pick up the rest for swapping etc.

I know it's not a DSP III+, but it is priced nicely if it works. The demo unit I saw did not have the manual with it, so I'm flying blind here gang. There was also a power meter, SWR, combo with LCD that I should have done more checking on. Maybe when I go to the place that has a DSP new in the box to purchase. Film at 11.

On the side. Looks like I got some bad news. The KH6 trip got changed to two CA trips. One in two weeks and the other the second week after that which puts me once again at the Livermore swap and the NorCal meeting for Aug. This means I miss the Austin TX summerfest. I can't be at two places at the same time. Fundamental rule of Physics or some such nonsense like that. ;-)

For those who may be curious why I travel so much. I can teach the entire class curriculum for the Tech Ed Dept of SGI. The only such individual to do so and this causes me to get scheduled into some trips that come up at random. Makes life interesting to say the least. Having learned over 7,000 slides of material and associated software/hardware is not the way to stay at home. :-)

I will be on tonight for the ARS Sprint. See you there. I asked the DE station to announce if he could be on earlier or later on 30M. I'm hoping. :-)

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Chuck Adams (K5FO CP-60) adams@sgi.com

K5FO TMPS 1996 Qs=040 States=21 Confirmed=11 DX=01 (0.95W)

AL AZ CA CO FL IL IN MD MI MO NC OH OK OR SD TN TX UT WA WI WY

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: Art Searle <asearle@netusa.net>

Subject: [246] Real TMPS

Message-ID: <31D7E453.538A@netusa.net>

Hi Guys,

Want to see an impressive 30 meter Propagation Study?

This is an excerpt from a posting I found on the WWW.

This is the 30 meter numbers by some of the world's  
top DXers.

| CALL  | 30 Meters |
|-------|-----------|
| OH1XX | 297       |
| W1NG  | 296       |
| K2TQC | 299       |
| N4VZ  | 275       |
| OH3SR | 287       |
| W1JR  | 267       |
| W8AH  | 230       |
| OM3EY | 260       |
| I4EAT | 261       |
| OH3ES | 280       |

This kind of puts things in prospective, doesn't it?

I must say again that this was a great weekend for working  
DX on 30. And I'm convinced that due to the US power limits  
on 30, this gives QRPers a chance in pile-ups. I cracked  
3 pretty big one this weekend, HK0ER, 5N3/SP5XAR & HB0/DL2SBY.  
I also heard KK7K/QRP work 2 of them.

72, de Art WU2K

WU2K TMPS 1996 Qs=048 States=0 Confirmed=0 DX=040

3B8,5N,6W,6Y,8P,9H,9L,CY0,DL,EA8

EI,ER,ES,EU,F,G,GM,HA,HB0,HC

HI,HK0S,I,KP4,LA,LU,LZ,OK,OM,ON

OZ,SP,UR,VE,XE,YO,YU,Z3,ZF,ZL

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72,73, de Art Searle, WU2K, Long Is., NY, ARRL Life Member  
QRP-L #524, QRP ARCI #9123, NorCal pending, DXCC MX & CW HR  
NRA Benefactor Life Member, NMLRA Life Member, AMA Life Member  
NRA Certified Firearms Instructor, Dale Earnhardt Fan Club

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: DAVEAF5U@aol.com  
Subject: [272] scQRPion Meet  
Message-ID: <960701135540\_425401354@emout07.mail.aol.com>

The ScQRPions meet the 1st Saturday of each month in Phoenix, Arizona.  
Our meetings are held at Luby's Cafeteria, in front of the Ham Radio Outlet  
store.  
Visitors are always welcome. Please bring something home brew and / or a  
short  
story about QRP. After the meeting, you have the option to eat with the  
group.

Location: Luby's Cafeteria, 1933 W. Duplap Ave, Phoenix, AZ  
Time: 10:30

We will have a table inside Luby's - just tell them that you are looking for  
the 'Radio Group'. At the July meeting we will discuss Field Day and then  
make plans for future  
field activities.

David Little, AF5U, 10125 E. Becker Lane,  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260  
(602) 661-1187 home

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US" <kanga@bright.net>  
Subject: [298] SP results  
Message-ID: <199607020311.XAA15816@brutus.bright.net>

Russ - I thought the AA7 call I worked towards the end of the SP  
Sprint was familiar! Kinda surprised to hear a 7 on 40, and then you  
were in Oregon to boot - Long haul from OH!

Only operated on 40.

Final result - 22 QSO's on the Hands GQ-40, and that was including a  
break to answer the telephone - I sold a complete Hands RTX 210 xcvr  
in the midst of all that!

I did not weigh the gear - used a monster battery from the bench.  
The gear was all homebrew however - Hands GQ-40 at 5 watts, SuperTee  
tuner, Kanga Keyer, and Stockton SWR/Power meter.

Worked a bunch of calls from QRP-1, and heard K7YHA/VE3 after the  
test.

Looking forward to the next one.

73

73 - Bill Kelsey - N8ET

Kanga US

kanga@bright.net

419-423-4604

<http://qrp.cc.nd.edu/kanga/>

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Steve Bornstein <saborns@freenet.columbus.oh.us>  
Subject: [309] Sprint Results  
Message-ID: <Pine.3.07.9607020248.A6024-9100000@login>

Hello Gang,

Worked Sprint on 40 meters this evening using OHR-400 at 5 watts into center  
fed zepp. Made 15 QSOs with 8 states + Canada. Several stations worked were  
running below 1 watt and one station was running 5 mw. Good fun.

73, Steve K8IDN QRP-L #331

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Bob\_Tellefsen-CNSE97@email.mot.com  
Subject: [301] Sprint results N6WG  
Message-ID: <M938321.001.wcov0.1.960702033630Z.CC-MAIL\*/OU=LMPCC10/OU=ILBE/  
PRMD=MOT/ADMD=MOT/C=US/@MHS>

Hi, Russ.

That was fun. Not a great score, but not bad. Heard you in there, but no luck.

Contacts 14, highest reported power 5w, lowest was 750 mw (KD7S). Worked WA,  
ID, OR, CA, AZ. About what one would expect. Almost got CO, but couldn't copy  
his report in return.

Weight of Kenwood TS180 looks about 30 lbs, spkr and keyer about 3 lbs, and 47 lbs for my field day battery, hi. I get a total weight of 80 lbs overall.

Let's, see, that's about  $80/14 =$  about 5.7 lbs per qso!

I'll try my QRP+ next time.

Hope to work you next time, Russ.  
72/73 Bob N6WG

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Dan Harriman" <KC5GXL@pnx.com>  
Subject: [308] srpint  
Message-ID: <199607020551.BAA123896@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Well I heard kb2je but couldn't get to him. He was about 599 in S.E. Tx. Then I heard kk6kc/ or maybe kk6mc/ about 459. Couldn't get him either. My 40-9er bit the dust the other week so all I had was my 730 @ 10 watts on 20 meters. I'll try again next time.

Tnx fer the sprints guys. 73 de kc5gx1 ARS # 25 qrp-1 # 431

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: camqrp@cyberg8t.com (Cam Hartford)  
Subject: [288] Summer Homebrew Sprint  
Message-ID: <199607012255.PAA06098@key.cyberg8t.com>

Gang -

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 14, for the next QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint. You should have had enough time by then to disassemble that large pile of junk in your garage (the one that came home with you from Field Day) and reassemble your station in your comfortable, air-conditioned and bug-free shack.

Sunday, July 14, 2000 to 2400 Zulu. CW. Usual QRP frequencies. Complete rules in the July issues of the Quarterly and QST.  
Hope for some sunspots.

72/73,  
Cam N6GA

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)  
Subject: [275] Sunspot Predictions Web Adr  
Message-ID: <199607011830.SAA03367@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

If you are interested, at

<http://www.accessone.com/~vbook/1996/jun/solarp.htm>

is a list of sunspots predicted until the end of the year 1005 (actually Oct, but hey, that's close enough at this time).

Remember boys and girls that these are predictions and should be treated as such. It looks like they think the spots will start up next month (by up I see an additional one spot added starting in September per month for a while then more in mid 1997. We won't see the peak until the year 2000. But hey, we'll take all we can get.

The address above is NOT missing an L at the end. In fact if you try to add the L you will get an error. This for those of you that think that all the endings have to be html. :- ) And you know who you are.

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Oh, the above provided by US tax dollars at work.  
U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Environment Center.

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Chuck Adams (K5FO CP-60) adams@sgi.com  
K5FO TMPS 1996 Qs=040 States=21 Confirmed=10 DX=01 (0.95W)  
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Ron Giuntini <rong@slip.net>  
Subject: [305] T Kit Rcvr Manual Error  
Message-ID: <E0uawuX-0002cw-00@mouse.slip.net>

I am building a 9 Band receiver from T Kit. Things are going along well, but there is an error in the addenda. You are told the Q1 transistor is to be replaced with a 2N4124 instead of the original J310 (FET). Well, when you replace the FET with a transistor, the RF input section shorts the B+ to ground and the rig obviously does not operate. I traced the problem to Q1 and when I replaced the 2N4124 with the J310 that shows in the schematic the radio worked. I called Tennessee and was told that there was a printing error and instead they meant to say that Q4 or Q5 could be either a 2N4124 or a MPS 6514. Anyway if anybody has a newer kit this may be wrong in your addenda page as well. The radio is not finished yet but I was copying SW stations from my basement using a 10 foot piece of wire. Regen is touchy but interesting.

KB6GK Ron  
San Francisco

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: ohrqrp@netonecom.net  
Subject: [227] Test  
Message-ID: <M.063096.075124.92@rc-44.netonecom.net>

Test message

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: ohrqrp@netonecom.net  
Subject: [229] Test  
Message-ID: <M.063096.073445.83@rc-44.netonecom.net>

Test

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Harvey D. D. Hetland" <HDHETLAND@paccd.cc.ca.us>  
Subject: [219] TMPS and 30m DX  
Message-ID: <58F0A0B1543@manage.paccd.cc.ca.us>

Hank, K8DD commented:

>Thirty was great tonight....Between 0239 and 0251, after the local MI Traffic  
>Net on 80 CW, I checked out 30 after I saw a spot for CY0AA on 10118. Worked  
>the CY0 on the second call with 5 watts to a HF6V ...

Yes, even from the west coast it was good, but I sure had to work to get a QSO with CY0AA. Finally got a time slot of an hour to call him on 30m with no packet reports to attract the QR0 types, then he goes "QRX for 10" and does not return until 22 minutes later. Another 6-lander beats me out, but I was the next one to get him. Boy, was I happy as he returned to his practice of working them one after another all on the same frequency, which makes it rough for a QRPer from the west coast. Sorta made up for the nine times he "QRXed" or "QSYed" on me and never returned to 30m.

Working 5N3/SP5XAR on 30m with QRP from the west coast was great too.

73, Harvey, N6MM ... Anyone heard DE, VT or RI? Do they still have 30m amateur radio in those states?

TMPS 96: QSOs=166, WAS=43, DXCC=026 OHR 400, dipole at 45 feet.  
States: HI AK OR WA NY CO SD CT WY CA KS LA OH GA PA MD AL NM FL OK  
AZ WI KY TX ID NV IL IN WV TN MI NE MN NC NJ UT VA MA MS ND MT SC  
NH  
DXCC: C2 JW KH6 JA KL7 A3 W 5W VE PJ2 T30 VK9N ZL FK8 OH OA VK FG LU  
C6A XE LA ZF 5N CO CY0

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)  
Subject: [304] TMPS update  
Message-ID: <199607020339.DAA04529@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Ok, so it was a new one. DC that is. :-)

I know, DC and MD count as the same but Bob White W03B says I have to work 56 to beat his 28. Looks like 51 is as close as I am going to get. ;-)

dit dit

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Chuck Adams (K5FO CP-60) adams@sgi.com  
K5FO TMPS 1996 Qs=043 States=22 Confirmed=11 DX=02 (0.95W)  
AL AZ CA CO DC FL IL IN MD MI MO NC OH OK OR SD TN TX UT WA WI WY

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: ji3m@scubed.com (James R. Duffey)  
Subject: [256] Vacation Whip Antenna  
Message-ID: <v02130500adfd89f67d79@[192.31.66.229]>

Laurent-I don't know how handy you are, but the antenna you describe is rather easy to duplicate even without the article. It is just an inductively loaded short antenna. It is an extendable whip attached to a large coil mounted on a C-Clamp. It is fed through an alligator clip which is moved up and down the coil to provide the proper loading. B&W used to sell a commercial version. If you use an 8ft antenna, say 4 ft of aluminium tubing and a 4 ft whip, you can use the tables for base mounted mobile loading coils in many handbooks to determine the inductance required. The antenna is mounted at a 45 degree angle. A clamp like the type photographers use to position their cameras in positions unreachable with tripods should work for the clamp. Look for old Air-Dux (r) coils at Hamfests this summer to use for coils. If you carry some wire to clip on to the end of the whip you can improve efficiency significantly on some bands by lengthening the antenna. You will need to provide a ground; I suggest getting some ribbon conductor at a surplus house and cutting a conductor to a quarter wavelength on each of the bands you will operate on. This will work as an effective counterpoise. Spread the ends a bit.

If you need the the QST, most public libraries can get it for you on interlibrary loan, either for free or with a nominal fee. The ARRL may be able to provide a photocopy, also at a fee. Also most college libraries get QST, either in paper form or on microfilm. The public library is what we used to use to obtain information before the internet came along. It still is a useful resource, particularly if you can find one that keeps their old books, like old handbooks.

Good luck on the antenna. - Duffey KK6MC/5

James R Duffey KK6MC/5 DM65  
30 Casa Loma Road  
Cedar Crest, NM 87008

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: WB4TGB <rmarkburton@worldnet.att.net>  
Subject: [233] Windows Circuit Board Software  
Message-ID: <199606302326.XAA21362@mailhost.worldnet.att.net>

Hello all,

I am new here at QRP-L. I hope this is not an over-asked question.

Does anyone know the names as well as the Internet locations for Windows based Circuit Board CAD software ? I do not want DOS based software.

I ran across a system called Protel Design System. It looks great but there are three of problems.

- 1- There is no information on how to contact the maker re: costs.
- 2- There is no doc file. ( but quite a large help file )
- 3- It appears to be quite a bit more than what I need.

Any help would be appreciated. Thank you, Mark

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: Jim Eshleman <lujce@hooch.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [277] Re: "Too many hops" errors...

Message-ID: <96Jul1.143322-0400edt.65558-14099+115@hooch.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Gang,

Thanks to K3ETS I got a copy of the "Too many hops" error that many (most, all?) of you are receiving after posting to the list. I also got my own copy this morning. I think I've identified and removed the offender. Let's just say I hope they're better with telephone systems than they are with e-mail systems :-)

If you continue to receive these things later in the week PLEASE forward them to me so I can try to do something about it.

73

Jim N3VXI

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: cc wynn <wyn@worldnet.att.net>

Subject: [248] Re: 30m DX

Message-ID: <199606301717.RAA13514@mailhost.worldnet.att.net>

At 05:35 AM 6/30/96 +0000, <NYOUNG> wrote:

>Oh yeah: if I was bored to death I wouldn't have been able to  
>post anything, would I?

>

>73

>Nils



>WB8IJN +c

Nils,

In your case we are not so sure, ;-)

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wyn@worldnet.att.net  
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "James C. Owen, III" <owen@apollo.eeel.nist.gov>  
Subject: [252] RE: Antenna Help  
Message-ID: <33224.owen@apollo.eeel.nist.gov>

In message Sat, 29 Jun 1996 06:19:43 -0400,  
sholla@panasonic.atlanta.com (Holland, Steve) writes:

>  
> If you are a member of the ARRL they have an archive that you can ask for  
> articles like this. In the QST there should be a directory for the  
> office and if you have internet access you can go to their home page. 73  
> de N9HXX/4  
>

You don't need to be an ARRL member to use the archives on the I-net.  
Access the E-mail server thus--  
Send a message to info@arrl.org  
in the body Send index.txt  
This will get you started--lots of info there.  
73 Jim K4CGY qrp-1 #72

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Jim Hydzik <congress@magpage.com>  
Subject: [226] Re: Antenna Tip 4 Travel  
Message-ID: <199607010146.VAA02531@alaska.magpage.com>

Hello Laurent,

>antenna selection for foreign travel (I travel real light).  
----snip---  
>If anyone has any ideas on antennas that are real portable and 'small' ,  
>please feel free to pass them on -- I need all the help I can get. Looking  
>at 5W max.

One of my "acquaintances" used to travel without an antenna. He'd borrow a 100 foot extension cord wherever he stayed. With the rig was a short coax jumper terminated with male and female AC connectors. You guessed it. Plugging the jumper into the stretched out cord gave him a instant full wave 30 Mtr loop and he claims he never saw over 2:1 SWR even with the cord on the ground. Sounds like McGiver training school.

We'll make one of these babbies at the next NJ-QRP meeting and let you know how it turns out. P.S: My 30 M loop is exactly 100' long and has 1.3:1 SWR.

72, Jim in Delaware K3QIO

(don't feel bad, even N9DD hasn't worked DE on 30 M)

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: QLF%[mimi@magic.itg.ti.com](mailto:mimi@magic.itg.ti.com)  
Subject: [273] re: BROWN BROTHERS PADDLES HISTORY  
Message-ID: <9607011749.AA03804@itg.ti.com>

From: Brad Bradfield QLF

Subj: re: BROWN BROTHERS PADDLES HISTORY

The earlier posted history of the Brown Brothers paddles is basically correct as far as I know. I'm not sure about the dates of operation. I bought my first set of Brown Brothers paddles in 1971 for (I think) \$24.95. They are of the original design using trunnion shafts for pivots. I also agree with the comment that the later design using a piece of spring steel for a pivot just didn't have the feel of the older trunnion design.

Availability of Brown Brothers paddles tended to be up and down. My understanding was that when they felt like making paddles they did, and when they didn't they didn't.

In my collection I have my original set of paddles, a late version straight key, and an early version with paddles and straight key on the same base.

Has anyone ever seen a Brown Brothers bug? They advertised them for a very short period of time, but none of the collectors I know have ever seen one. We kind of wonder if they ever really sold any.

73's

Brad, WB0CGH

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Brad Bradfield, PE                      Electrical Design Engineer  
(H) 817-321-2960                   Texas Instruments, Inc.  
(W) 214-462-6230

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: QRPBOOK@aol.com  
Subject: [235] Re: BUYER "BEWARE"  
Message-ID: <960630141601 228158378@emout10.mail.aol.com>

Again, sorry for the delay. I could have sent you a book without autograph, but I know you had requested an autographed book.

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: RHILTO@acxiom.com  
Subject: [251] Re: BUYER "BEWARE"  
Message-ID: <1d7cbec0@acxiom.com>

Stan: I'm sure this doesn't apply to \_everyone\_ on the list... which book did you order, and from whom?

Bob ki5ez

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Jim Hydzik <congress@magpage.com>  
Subject: [286] Re: Delaware TMPS after Sprint  
Message-ID: <199607012200.SAA07346@alaska.magpage.com>

FROM: K5FO reply:

>Please announce to the group, if you can do it that is,  
>that you'll try 30M after the contest. I realize that  
>is 11 pm your time, but the band is probably still open  
>to TX at that time. We can hope.

>

>Or get on 30M before the contest starts. Pick a clear  
>freq like 10.145 or so outta the main stream of QRM we  
>hope. :-)

Hello Chuck and the gang, (and Jerry, KD0CA, nice 30 M QSO today)

You're right, we shouldn't pass up the opportunity on 30 M. Let's use 10.129.3 and I'll call CQ WAS. That way if a non TMPS contact takes place, he'll understand if I keep it short and move along, calling CQ WAS.

TIME: I'll be getting arriving home just before the start of the Sprint from lower back rehab. and will have to soak in ice for a while. If things go faster than usual, I might make it on 10.129.3 at 15 minutes before the hour. Look for me at that time but for sure I'll be on AFTER the Sprint.

CU All there, 72 K3QIO Jim Hydzik QSL TO: 5611 Ball Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: ae4ic@nr.infi.net (BOB KELLOGG)  
Subject: [220] Re: DX on 30 meters  
Message-ID: <199606302054.QAA32430@mh004.infi.net>

Hi Art,

>5N3/SP5XAR, Nigeria on Saturday night. Simplex again and the  
>biggest pile-up this weekend. Another slopy fist but very fast.  
>Tuning back later, I found the pile-up much smaller, reasonable  
>even. So I started looking for clear spots and calling, this  
>time signing WU2K/QRP to differentiate between my QRO QSO.  
>After only a couple of calls I made it. He came back to QRP?  
>I sent my call twice. He was silent. I sent my call twice  
>again and success, he sent "Congrats QRP". I guess he was  
>also surprized by the power of QRP. Nigeria in the log with 5  
>watts.

AAAAARGHHH!!! Art, you rascal! I listened to him for about 30 minutes and finally just gave up. The pileup was so bad some guys seemed to be just sending their call randomly hoping he'd hear it. Worked LZ1DB and EI8FY and called it a night without going back to check 5N3/SP5XAR. Truthfully, I wasn't sure I had his call right because I never heard him complete it without being tromped on. He was right at the bottom of the band. Oh, well.

Ain't QRP fun?

CUL,  
Bob Kellogg, AE4IC  
Prolably, but not nececelery. - Benny Hill

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Mike Cloud <cloudm@mhsgate.meth-mem.org>  
Subject: [249] RE: FD Comments in General  
Message-ID: <5E84D73101172C16@mhsgate.meth-mem.org>

>  
> From: jmlowman@ix.netcom.com (Jim Lowman)  
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>  
>We were operating two stations out of a motor home, the 10-15-20 meter  
>and the 80/75 meter stations. We found that when we switched to CW, the  
>place pretty much cleared of observers, many of them hams.

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>  
>72 de Jim - KF6CR

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Hi Jim es others. I was co-captain of the cw stand wid an excellent operator. We started advertising a couple of months before FD that we were in search of people to man the logging computer and that all were welcome. We also started bragging

that FD CW operation would double your code speed. Basically we went all out to make sure that the cw fruit-stand was as friendly as possible and not intimidating. All were welcome and assistance was solicited in tracking the calls, consequently we worked 704 cw contacts and had a great time. cul de Mike, KR4IT

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: jeffa@ix.netcom.com (Jeff Anderson)  
Subject: [296] Re: Field day from volcano  
Message-ID: <199607020147.SAA13998@dfw-ix12.ix.netcom.com>

Just saw the pix on the web-site. Look great! Does anyone know the answer to the following questions?

1. What kind of paddle is that tiny paddle.
2. What kind of antenna was used (looks like a multi-band dipole, and probably resonant on each band, as there is no tuner).

Thanks!

- Jeff, WA6AHL

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)  
Subject: [302] Re: Field day from volcano  
Message-ID: <199607020345.DAA04550@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Paddle was a G4ZPY mini-paddle.

HB antenna with HB traps.

dit dit

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Chuck Adams (K5FO CP-60) adams@sgi.com  
K5FO TMPS 1996 Qs=043 States=22 Confirmed=11 DX=02 (0.95W)  
AL AZ CA CO DC FL IL IN MD MI MO NC OH OK OR SD TN TX UT WA WI WY

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Jerry Parker <jparker@fix.net>  
Subject: [268] RE: Field Day Reports  
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19960701161031.00ac13e4@fix.net>

>From: John Shuster <jshuster@silverlink.net>  
>To: "'jparker@fix.net'" <jparker@fix.net>  
>Subject: RE: Field Day Reports  
>Date: Sun, 30 Jun 1996 19:33:11 -0700  
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>From: by way of Jerry Parker <jparker@fix.net>[SMTP:garyb@osha.igs.net]  
>Sent: Thursday, June 27, 1996 8:09 AM  
>To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
>Subject: Re: Field Day Reports  
>  
>Hi Jerry,here is a brief report about the Durham Region QRP  
>Club,VE3QDR effort for F.D. Weather didn't cooperate Saturday  
>morning, torential rain and a mini twister that uprooted some trees  
>in the area and along with a couple of our operating tents .Managed  
>to get one station up and running by 10am to copy the bulletin and  
>from then on things went reasonaly well,even sol blessed us with his  
>presense and shone for the rest of the weekend. 3 cw stations and 1  
>ssb station up and running.  
>80 meters 172 cw and 31 ssb qso's  
>40 " 189 cw and 41 ssb qso's  
>20 " 124 cw and 26 ssb qso's  
>15 " 60 cw and 51 ssb qso's  
>2 mtr.fm. 16 qso's,also satellite and packet. With the bonus points  
>our score will be around 7340 pts. below our '95 total but a great  
>time was had by all. Nothing fancy in the antenna dept. v beams,a  
>horizontal loop,bow tie and inverted v for hf. We had 5 cw ops and 7  
>loggers and ssb ops for 12 in total. The" great cw operator hunt" will  
>continue!  
>72  
>Gary VE3REP  
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>Attachment Converted: C:\EUDORA\ATTACH\RE Field Day Reports  
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Edward J. Warhover" <kf9xy@apci.net>  
Subject: [291] Re: First QSO with Sierra  
Message-ID: <199607012350.SAA04203@hilly.apci.net>

At 03:11 PM 7/1/96 -0400, you wrote:

>Hello,  
>I just got on the air yesterday with the Sierra. I built the forty meter  
>module and called CQ. got an answer on the first call. Made several  
>contacts after that on 40m. I think the rig is pretty nice. I wish the ABX  
>pot was on the front panel.  
>Do you know what features the KC2 will have. I gather that it will have a  
>lcd display. does it have a s-meter bar graph?  
>Do you happen to know when it will come out and if they will have a  
>punched front panel for it?

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> 73,

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> Jim N2GO

> The Buffalo QRP CONNECTION

> ARCI #9013 QRP-L #381

> jskalski@acsu.Buffalo.EDU

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>

Jim,

Putting the ABX on the front panel should be an easy mod. Details are in the " customization" section of the manual. Yes, the KC-2 will have an SWR bar graph and other features. Wilderness will put out a revised front panel to accomodate it. I believe it's supposed to come out around August. I know I'll be among the first to order it. It really looks like a winner!!

72,

Ed KF9XY

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Grover <SIXPENCE@worldnet.att.net>  
Subject: [260] Re: FS: Ten-Tec Scout 555, RS DSP unit, obQRP  
Message-ID: <2.2.16.19960701102846.27df085e@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>

Not much of a bargain. I got one from RS 3 weeks ago for \$34.95.



>OK, everyone's telling me the RS dsp units are on closeout for whatever  
>price; I saw them for \$49 at a hamfest two weeks ago (I think). Anyway,  
>if anyone wants one in new condition with everything it came with, I have  
>one to sell.

72 y Paz ..Grover KQ4AL & Doris KE4CYE

QRP/QSLs WAS = 34 DX= XE VE

QRO/QSLs WAS = 49(-Hawaii) DXCC = 62 IOTA = 27

<SIXPENCE@worldnet.att.net>

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: Peter Parker <parkerp@pcug.org.au>

Subject: [223] Re: GQRP - Has NO-ONE built anything, then?

Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.960701064955.7259A-100000@supreme>

In response to Frank's plea, my construction activity over the last 5 yrs  
includes:-

80m cw direct conversion txcvr (with ceramic resonator)

40m VXO CW transceiver

2m to 70cm freq tripler (for FM)

various 80m direct conversion receivers

80m superhet Rx (similar to the 'NIG' RX in Sprat

2m FM portable transceiver (dismantled now)

6m DSB/CW Tx

160m DSB/CW direct conversion txcvr

two metre to 40 metre transverter - used with FT290R for 40m QRP

3.5 - 7.5 MHZ rx - based on AM car radio & converter - uses 5 & 6 MHZ xtals

and various other bits and pieces.

73, Peter VK1PK CW Ops QRP Club #66

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: KT3A@aol.com

Subject: [234] Re: HF/VHF/UHF xcvr control via the I\_net

Message-ID: <960630214244\_146308255@emout18.mail.aol.com>

I remember Rockwell doing diversity reception on HF with sites in Iowa and  
Texas.

Does anyone know how it is being accomplished today? I worked phone patches  
with them from Honduras back a few years. I imagine they used leased lines,  
but

technology is such that more than that is possible.

Would your idea be legal for beacon control? You could remotely adjust power levels while copying the signal on the far end.

72 de cameron, kt3a

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Gary Surrency <gsurrenc@ix.netcom.com>  
Subject: [262] Re: How Copy?  
Message-ID: <31D7E49F.42D1@ix.netcom.com>

Dick Schneider wrote:

>  
> Anyone:  
>  
> I keep submitting a message to QRP-L, just as I have succesfully in the past,  
> but it keeps coming back, saying \*too many bounces\* - a totally irrational and  
> unhelpful explanation to me.  
>  
> Anyone have any insight as to what the scoop is?  
>  
> Tnx es 72/73 Dick AB0CD..

I'm having the same problem Dick, but I think my posts are making it to some if not all of the addressees. I was blaming my local ISP (netcom), but maybe it's a problem common to many members of the group. Have we (qrp-l members) exceeded the max no. of addressees? Are others having this problem, too? Webmasters, we need HELP!

Gary AB7MY

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Brian.Buydens@usask.ca" <buydens@duke.usask.ca>  
Subject: [267] Re: How Copy?  
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.94.960701104517.6866A-100000@duke.usask.ca>

On 30 Jun 1996, Dick Schneider wrote:

> Anyone:  
>  
> I keep submitting a message to QRP-L, just as I have succesfully in the past,  
> but it keeps coming back, saying \*too many bounces\* - a totally irrational and

> unhelpful explanation to me.

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> Anyone have any insight as to what the scoop is?

My hunch is that you submit the message to the group. Then your message gets redistributed to the members of the group. Some members are not reachable and you receive the error message.

This message certainly got through to me ;-)

Brian.

> Tnx es 72/73 Dick AB0CD..

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| Brian Buydens, Computing Services, University of Saskatchewan |
| email: Brian.Buydens@usask.ca |
| VE5RDV |
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| Albert Einstein, when asked to describe radio, replied: "You see, wire |
| telegraph is a kind of a very, very long cat. You pull his tail in New |
| York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? |
| And radio operates exactly the same way: you send signals here, they |
| receive them there. The only difference is that there is no cat." |
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: wdzeares@rockdal.aud.alcatel.com (W. Dennis Zeares)  
Subject: [250] RE: K3ETS at K5F0/FD-correction  
Message-ID: <9607011221.AA05216@aud.alcatel.com>

Correction: that was 1 hr on 6M SSB  
and 1 hr on 10M SSB and 2 hours BS...  
72, k3ets

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Kevin Muenzler <wb5rue@amsat.org>  
Subject: [282] RE: N9OUH now WB9VHF  
Message-ID: <01I6K91FUWI400DCKY@ARWEN.UTHSCSA.EDU>

On Monday, July 01, 1996 1:59 PM, Paulette Quick,  
WB9VHF[SMTP:plquick@facstaff.wisc.edu] wrote:

>Gang,

>snip>

>I was first licensed in either 1976 or 1977 (not sure when and it's driving  
>me crazy) and I allowed this beautiful callsign to lapse. I really prefer  
>to have a "W" callsign.

<snip>

>

>Paulette Quick, WB9VHF

>plquick@facstaff.wisc.edu

>Madison WI

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The only way to find out when you were first licensed is to contact the  
International Transcription Service (ITS, Inc.). For a fee, they will  
research the information you request. They are located in the FCC, Room  
246, 1919 M Street, N.W. and Gettysburg, PA at 1270 Fairfield Road. (717)  
337-1433.

Their corporate address is:  
2100 M Street, N.W. Suite 140,  
Washington, DC 20037  
(202) 857-3800.

Hope this helps Paulette.

73, contrats!

Kevin, WB5RUE  
wb5rue@amsat.org

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: "L. B. Cebik" <cebik@utkux.utcc.utk.edu>

Subject: [232] Re: Paddle Preferences

Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.960630062722.28237C-100000@utkux4.utcc.utk.edu>

Perhaps someone with a large collection of paddles and an urge to read  
all the QRP-L digests and a camera could do an article (series of  
articles?) for QQ, QRPP, LowDown, or one of the other qrp journals  
showing and describing each of the available paddle units and registering  
some of the operator pros/cons we have read here from time to time. It  
would make good reading and a good reference for both new and old operators  
alike--as we age, our finger and wrist abilities change and we may need

to rethink our paddle choices. In any event, it might even make a good guide for the CO Club publishing group to consider. They might even consider adding in straight keys.

-73-  
LB, W4RNL

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Jim Hydzik <congress@magpage.com>  
Subject: [225] Re: Paddles  
Message-ID: <199607010146.VAA02534@alaska.magpage.com>

Howdy Rick,

>What is the favorite choice among you for CW paddles. I'm not talking  
>extra-light backpacking gear . . . just your favorite iambic paddle.

For the first 8-10 hours of operation I don't have much of a preference between the Bencher or the Vibroplex Iambic paddle. It's late into the morning hours that the difference becomes noticable. The Vibroplex has a definite 'hard' stop when the paddle arm hits the contact. The slight bendability of the Bencher's arm and it's plexiglass/plastic paddle doesn't give back the feel of certainty that I find an asset when really fatigued. The mechanical sound is also different. Call me crazy, but the metal to metal feedback, even with headphones on, is better with the Vibro.

Either paddle would be satisfying and my son and I have had both on the table for years. The only major difference in a multi-user operation like ours and Field Days, is that the Vibroplex can easily be adjusted on the fly for the relief operator. FYI, the MFJ's look-alike does NOT have the feel of the Bencher.

Happy Hunting, and don't let price influence your decision, 72, Jim K3QIO

(TMPSing my way through life in Delaware) 30 M rig has a Brown Bros. paddle

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Jim Eshleman <lujce@hooch.CC.Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [266] Re: Postings bouncing:  
Message-ID: <96Jul11.123259-0400edt.65558-14099+114@hooch.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

> I also got a post returned due to too many bounces. The post actually went

> to QRP-L, as addressed fine, but then showed more than 35 different bounces.  
> Wonder what is going on??

If someone would forward me one of the bounces, with headers intact if possible, I might be able to tell... There was a problem here Sunday due to the Lehigh.EDU incoming mail disk becoming full. Everything looks okay now, other than the fact that there's a huge queue of outgoing mail to deliver.

73  
Jim N3VXI

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: n5zgt@swcp.com (Brian Mileschosky)  
Subject: [281] Re: Postings bouncing:  
Message-ID: <199607011928.NAA08557@kitsune.swcp.com>

At 11:24 AM 7/1/96 -0500, j.w. thornton wrote:  
>I also got a post returned due to too many bounces. The post actually went  
>to QRP-L, as addressed fine, but then showed more than 35 different bounces.  
>Wonder what is going on??  
>J. W. (Dub) Thornton WA5YFY  
>Minco, Ok.  
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>  
I got the same message also.  
72,  
Brian, N5ZGT

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| Boy Scouts of America    | Amateur Radio - N5ZGT                 |
| JASM -Troop 41           | ARRL QRP: NorCal# 1700                |
| Albuquerque, N.M.        | Packet: N5ZGT @ KC5IZT.ALBQ.NM.USA.NA |
| O.A. Lodge 66 <-W-W-W-<< | Internet: n5zgt@swcp.com              |

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: n5zgt@swcp.com (Brian Mileschosky)  
Subject: [242] Re: Proplems  
Message-ID: <199607010445.WAA22684@kitsune.swcp.com>

At 09:12 AM 6/30/96 PDT, Randy McCammack wrote:

>The people next door have a CB radio set-up. When he is using it we can hear him key his mike every time over our phones,TV, computer. We have >even heard his conversation while we are trying to talk on the phone. We have also heard him when the TV or radio is off. We have mentioned the >problem to and he says he isn't using any extra booster. Could this be true? >We use to have a tape player on at night put in the wee hours he comes across it like he is in the room. VERY ANNOYING.

>

>If you have any sugesstions on what can be done to help us out please let us know

Hi Randy,

Well, I would go to his place and inform him (again) of the situation. If he has a wife, have her get on the CB and yack while he goes to your place and listens for himself, if you don't mind letting him in your house.

From there, look for solutions. But be civil about it. Good luck!

72,

Brian, N5ZGT

PS - Also...why not inform him about REAL radio. Tell him about Amateur Radio and how he can join the fun.

PPS - I hate to say this...but if it is annoying and he won't do anything about it (I'm sure he'll do something though), don't forget about the mighty pin in the coax trick...Just kidding. I wish you luck though!

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Boy Scouts of America

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: "Brian.Buydens@usask.ca" <buydens@duke.usask.ca>

Subject: [269] Re: Proplems

Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.94.960701104914.6866B-100000@duke.usask.ca>

Randy:

To add to what Brian Mileschosky said about radio interference you may want to get a copy of the Radio Amateur's Handbook put out by the ARRL (American Radio Relay League). I have access to the 1995 edition an it has a whole chapter on radio interference that you (and hopefully your CB neighbour) might find interesting. It has some very good ideas on how to

deal with radio interference. The book also has other good information on how to properly set up a station, proper grounding techniques etc. I am no expert in RFI but it seems to me that many problems can be prevented by a proper station setup.

Again as Brian M. said Be Civil and Good Luck.

Brian.

On Sun, 30 Jun 1996, Brian Mileschosky wrote:

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| Brian Buydens, Computing Services, University of Saskatchewan |
| email: Brian.Buydens@usask.ca |
| VE5RDV |
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| Albert Einstein, when asked to describe radio, replied: "You see, wire |
| telegraph is a kind of a very, very long cat. You pull his tail in New |
| York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? |
| And radio operates exactly the same way: you send signals here, they |
| receive them there. The only difference is that there is no cat." |
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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: ae4ic@nr.infi.net (BOB KELLOGG)  
Subject: [279] Re: QRO Bigots ???  
Message-ID: <199607011910.PAA04950@mh004.infi.net>

Hi Jim,

>I recently completed a NorCal 40A and was finally able to operate quite  
>a bit these last few days. Of the eight contacts that I had, five of  
>them never came back to me after I told them that I was running QRP @ 2  
>watts. Conditions were fine, my RST was anywhere from 449 to 589,  
>litte QRM, little QRN. I mean, 15 minutes into each QSO, immediately  
>after I mentioned that I was QRP, these guys never came back.

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>Am I just paranoid?

>Has this ever happended to you???

Nope, not that I know of. I'm pretty naive, though, It could have happened  
and I just assumed they lost me in the QRM/N or QSB. Have fun. Lots of  
guys take pride in their ability to copy a weak QRP signal. -- I do, but  
then I'm trying to improve my skills in a lot of areas.

CUL,

Bob Kellogg, AE4IC

Prolably, but not nececelery. - Benny Hill

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Kevin Muenzler <wb5rue@amsat.org>  
Subject: [285] RE: QRO Bigots ???

Message-ID: <01I6KD7FS90000DCKY@ARWEN.UTHSCSA.EDU>

On Monday, July 01, 1996 10:10 AM, BOB KELLOGG[SMTP:ae4ic@nr.infi.net] wrote:

>Hi Jim,

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>then I'm trying to improve my skills in a lot of areas.

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>CUL,

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>Bob Kellogg, AE4IC

>Prolably, but not nececelery. - Benny Hill

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Well Bob, I've noticed lately that the bands, particularly 30 and 40 have been  
pretty unstable

here in Texas. I can have a guy that is S7 or S9 one pass and the next he is S3  
or S4. That

might be your problem. If you are already 449 one minute you might be gone the  
next. I

usually don't have a problem with QRO stations wanting to talk to me. I just have  
a problem

getting them to put QRP on their QSL card!

72,

Kevin, WB5RUE

States=15, Confirmed=9,

DX =19, Confirmed=7

"Real Hams don't need amplifiers or microphones."

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: "j.w. thornton" <dub@oklahoma.net>  
Subject: [292] RE: QRO Bigots ???  
Message-ID: <199607020053.TAA17833@dns.okc>

At 04:43 PM 7/1/96 -0500, you wrote:

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>>>litte QRM, little QRN. I mean, 15 minutes into each QSO, immediately  
>>>after I mentioned that I was QRP, these guys never came back.

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>>>Am I just paranoid?

>>>Has this ever happended to you???

This has happened to me many many times, but I would hardly refer to the other op as a QRO BIGOT. More like different strokes for different folks. We are not all into the same aspect of this great big wonderful hobby of ours. Many ops are quite willing to get down and try to dig you out of the dirt if band condx put you there, but are not willing to expend the same time and effort to dig you out when it is his feeling that you are deliberately putting yourself there. I have heard precisely that opinion expressed more than once. On the other hand, others will go the extra mile to work you when it is near impossible to do so. Most signal reports are based on your peak signal & many times a bit optomistic at that so its easy to understand that a 559 sig may dip below the noise level at times & some will not try to cope with that.

When I run QRP, I know my signal is going to be the first to fade when the band goes out, and I dont expect to find as many hour long QSO's as I normally find running QRO. This does not upset me. 5 out of 8 QSO's dropping out when you mention QRP would seem a bit of a high dropout rate, but if they gave you 15 minutes, that aint too bad. Enjoy your Norcal 40A, its a great little radio & will net you plenty of QSO's, even if some do bail out. "72"

J. W. (Dub) Thornton WA5YFY  
Minco, Ok.

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Mark S. Adams" <msadams@acsu.buffalo.edu>  
Subject: [297] Re: QRO Bigots ???  
Message-ID: <31D8F858.31CD@acsu.buffalo.edu>

Oh yeah, the getting the QRO guy to put /QRP on the QSL card problem. Well I hope that I have solved that by putting N2VPK/QRP as my callsign on my new batch of QSL cards. I do not own ANY QRO gear so I do not have to feel guilty about this at all.

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72's de Mark, N2VPK, Member of the Buffalo QRP Connection

TMPS 1996 Q's=116 WAS=27 Confirmed=05 DX=17  
HW-9 @ 3W, MFJ941C, 142' Sloping Delta Loop  
6W1 C6 CT3 DL EA ES HC LY LZ OM OZ SM U5 VE XE YT ZF  
Worked all Canada= VE1 V01 VA2 VE2 VA3 VY2 VE6

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: Joe Gervais <vole@PRIMENET.COM>  
Subject: [306] Re: QRPp  
Message-ID: <199607020425.VAA10458@primenet.com>

wa5whn@ix.netcom.com (Jay Miller), wrote:

> The picture, on top of page 79, gets my vote for the best  
> situation photo op. "Rattlesnake next to the Wilderness  
> NorCal 40 Xcvt", from the Arizona scQRPions. Ah, come on  
> Guys, You have N7RAT (TriARC FD Callsign); who is this  
> guest op ? N7REP ;-)

Any closer and it would've been N7BIT... =:-0

> (Hint: KD6VIO should obtain a copy of this particular photo  
> for "Wilderness Radio").

Now if we can just get Russ, AA7QU, to snap a shot of a Wilderness Radio rig in the clutches of a hungry bear or maybe one of those rabid beavers living in his backyard, we could get a whole series going. Are there any QRP-L lurkers who live near a pack of wild dingos? We need to do this right. :-)

> Hmmm, I wonder if the Coor's Beer Commercial had stolen this  
> idea from the Arizona scQRPions ?

And not even a courtesy case of beer for "photog" Floyd, NQ7X.

'Course I'm more of an A&W Rootbeer man myself (with ice cream, served with a dirty ice cream scoop of course - I'm no wimp...). We may have to call the Rocky Mountain Brewmeisters and threaten to have a meeting in their parking lot. And play ABBA \*real\* loud....

I missed Field Day. Is it showing? Sorry, I'll shut up now.

Cheers de KC7NEV,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPion #7

KC7NEV TMPS 1996 Qs=010 States=7 Confirmed=0 DX=000  
AK, CA, CO, KS, LA, OR, WA

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: "Dan Harriman" <KC5GXL@pnx.com>  
Subject: [307] Re: Sunspot Predictions Web Adr  
Message-ID: <199607020444.AAA20660@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

I think that Chuck has jet lag from all that travelling. Anything that pertains to the year 1005 is history:>) hi hi  
Chuck, the R/S DSP is so-so. It does work with some radios better than others.  
de kc5gxl aka Dan member of most of the things on this reflecter

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996  
From: gmdsr@vivanet.com  
Subject: [263] Re:T Kit 9 Band Receiver  
Message-ID: <31D6AA06.4FB0@vivanet.com>

Hello All -

Ron KB6GK posted a note about the 9 Band Regenerative Short wave Receiver from TenTec. Well, we gave our 9 year old son one for Christmas, and here's our comments:

1. We first sorted all the parts and they were all there.
2. We went step by step, and there are places where testing occurs, so you don't go on til it works right.

We had a problem with the audio section, and yep, it turned out to be a solder bridge (blob!).

3. The unit is built tough. My analogy is that you could use it to chock the tires of a truck. The case is high quality, and is silk-screened lettering is very nice.
4. The unit operates on 8 C cells, or you can plug in a 12v external source of power.
5. Aligning was straightforward and did not require much tweaking. Basically, the unit needs to be tweaked to insure that the internal oscillator (regen control) works on all nine bands.
6. There are LEDs which illuminate as you go from band to band, sort of a poor man's band indicator. It's done with a single IC and may give you some ideas if you're the homebrewin' type.
7. My son built the whole thing in a weekend (with Dad supervising), and had a blast doing it. He did a write-up/display on radio wave propagation for a science fair project this past Spring.
8. Remember, this is a regen circuit. Tuning requires a little skill; it's slightly more complicated than tuning your kitchen radio, as the regen control needs to be just on the hairy edge of oscillation.
9. We built the TenTec 4 band regen receiver 1 year ago. This kit is very nice also, but it does not come with a complete enclosure. You do get a very nice front panel though. Again, well worth the price (about \$24).

The only problem we had with the unit is that I broke one of the LEDs when taking the unit apart to change the batteries. It's really not a fault of the unit, and the result is that one of the band LEDs doesn't work (got to call TenTec for a spare or two).

That's our experience with this radio. Personally, I think it is a bargain at a price of \$59. Even if you build it just for learning purposes, and never operate it more than an hour, it's cheap tuition.

73 for now.

- Gary (Sr.) N2JGU

Gary (Jr.) (studying with HamPass software + book)

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Tue Jul 2 07:00:54 1996

From: ohrqrp@netonecom.net

Subject: [228] Re: Test

Message-ID: <M.063096.213524.57@noname>

test